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PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HIS TASK.

Every telegram from the Eastern States only makes more irrefutable the position we assumed a few weeks ago in reference to President Johnson's scheme of reconstruction, and we perceive that many of the American journals which have been heretofore strong supporters of the policy of the President are beginning to throw doubts on his sagacity. In our previous article on the question we maintained that it was an injustice to the North to restore the rebellious States to that political status which they enjoyed before the war, and that it would prove, ultimately, disastrous to the South. Recent events are bringing this proposition to a speedy solution. Florida has sent nearly all her old secession politicians into the State Legislature, and after insulting the national authority by speeches, and inflicting all manner of tyranny upon the freedmen, ends in sustaining an overwhelming vote the Southern war debt of the State. This is, of course, in direct opposition to the whole policy of the North. In South Carolina political affairs are not on a much better basis. The Legislature has lost none of its old instincts, and strives with might and main to set the Federal authorities at defiance. President Lincoln proclaimed the emancipation of the slaves, and the constitution was so amended as to place the black man on the same footing as the white man, with regard to his "inalienable right to liberty" and the "pursuit of happiness;" but South Carolina, after subscribing to these conditions, introduces bills in her Legislature to take all arms from the freedmen, to prevent them in future possessing such weapons, and to punish any white person who enables them to obtain them. This is not all of the scheme for giving the freedman an opportunity to enjoy "liberty and the pursuit of happiness." If he has a shop, or if he opens a shop it is to be shut. If he becomes a servant it is only by obtaining the written consent of his former master; if, in fact, he makes the slightest attempt to exercise the new privilege of freedom conferred upon him he is to be punished in a manner only known to those refined Courts, which have been accustomed to look upon the negro as a chattel.

All this looks extremely like subjugated rebels bowing in obedience to the mandate that abolished slavery. The fact is the Constitution and authority of the Federal Government are just as much set at defiance by South Carolina as when Sumter was wrested from Federal troops. It is not, however, to South Carolina or Florida that this antagonistic attitude is confined. Nearly every other Southern State is proving itself an enemy to reconstruction on the abolition of slavery. The old laws which prevented the outcasts of colored men being taken by the Courts against white men are in full blast, with the thousand and one other disabilities all of which make the term "freedman" at the present in the Southern States a pure fiction. It is true that President Johnson and the Freedmen's Bureau have interfered in many glaring instances of injustice and set the State laws at defiance; but this only shows the anarchy as well as the impracticability of the present policy of reconstruction. The very latest telegrams tell us that Mississippi as well as Louisiana has virtually ignored the Constitution, by refusing to acknowledge the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery.

The negro, by fresh enactment, is not only precluded from testifying against a white man, either civilly or criminally, but he is debarred from bringing a suit against him in any court of law. To clinch this nail in the coffin of the black man's liberty, it is further decreed that all colored people not in regular employment shall be deemed vagrants, and sold to labor by the State.

This is the result of President Johnson's experiment—the return for his unprecedented clemency. Is there an American of even the most ordinary judgment who can not see that the end will be war again, unless some very decisive steps are taken, in order to extract the political claws of these slavery-loving States? Already the President, as we have said, has been obliged to interfere in several of the States with the administration of the laws. In South Carolina he has gone even to the extent of removing a Governor elected in due form by the citizens, and placing one of his own selection in his stead. But what kind of reason or consistency is there in a policy that says the Southern States were never out of the Union—that they are now entitled to the full measure of self-government; and then steps in and deprives them at will of that right? The whole scheme is a bundle of contradictions. Either the Southern States possess the same political privileges they held before the war which the President declares they do or they do not. If they possess these privileges, the President cannot remove a properly elected Governor and appoint one of his own creating; and if they do not, then the reconstruction policy falls to the ground. The blunder has really been in precipitating the South, while she is still reeking with rebellious blood, into the exercise of all the rights of self-government. It was against all experience of human nature to suppose that an enemy defeated in such a cause as the Confederate flag fought for, would accept its old privileges without endeavoring to carry out its old instincts. The very fact of being obliged to swallow the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery was sure to make slave-loving people throw every obstacle in the way of its practical adoption; and this has been done in violation of good faith. Mississippi agreed to the anti-slavery amendment and

showed every indication of penitence; but no sooner has she obtained a Legislature than she now ignores the whole affair and coolly proceeds to pass laws of disability on the colored race, as if the old state of things prior to the war were in full operation. We cannot believe that President Johnson will continue his scheme much longer. By some of his recent actions it would appear that he has serious doubts of its success himself; but even if he persists the Congress which will shortly meet is bound to overthrow the whole policy. The whites and the blacks will have to be put upon the same political footing; or the Southern States will have to be treated as subjugated countries and ruled by Governors appointed by Federal authority. This latter, however, would be invidious to republicanism, and expensive besides; and it is more than probable that the Southern would accept even the former horrible condition rather than be under the domination of Yankee officials. At all events a very significant phase in American political history is approaching—the most important Congress that has yet met is about to assemble—and all we can hope is that the proceedings will do justice to self-government and maintain the cause of human liberty in the Senate as powerfully as it has been fought for on the field.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST.

ON PORT OR LANGLEY STREET.
 Yesterday, at 10:30, a note for \$100, drawn August 1st, to order payable at or before six months from date. A reward, with the thanks of the owner, will be given on the return of the note to the following places: viz.
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 Store between Henderson & Burnaby's and F. M. Baker, now occupied by the late Levy, to lease at reduced rent. Apply on the premises. no23 1m

NOTICE.
NOTICE IN HEREBY GIVEN THAT
 Mr. James Donald, of Esquimaux, has been appointed Overseer and Collector for Esquimaux Town under "The Road Act, 1860," and that a list of persons liable to perform Statute Labor has been published at the following places: viz.
 At the Wharf Gates:
 The Church and School doors;
 And at Twin Tiers, or junction of the new road to Craigflower.
 By order of the Commissioners.
 THOMAS TROUNCE,
 Chairman. no23

FOR NANAIMO.
THE SCHOONER REG. REG.
 RILEY will sail from the Hudson Bay Company's Wharf THIS EVENING, carrying freight and passengers. Apply to
 CAPTAIN FAMPHELT,
 On board. no23

NOTICE.
 In the Estate of A. Blackman, a Bankrupt.
 A second dividend of FOUR AND A HALF CENTS in the dollar is hereby declared, payable at my office, Government street, on Saturday, the 25th instant.
 W. R. H. ADAMSON,
 Official Assignee. no23

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the 24th instant, at 2 o'clock, p.m. After the In-

stallation the Society will proceed to the First

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o'clock, Divine Service will be held by the Rev.

Thomas Somerville, M.A., Chaplain. The Society

will dine together in the Colonial Hotel, at seven

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J. G. Shepherd, Esq., President, in the chair.

Tickets, price 5s, may be had on application to

the Officers and Members of the Society, or to Mr.

Druid.

